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**Congressman Dent gets perfect score from  
manufacturing employers**

*Meanwhile, new employment numbers show strong economy*

U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent (PA-15) was honored this month by the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) for a 100 percent voting record in the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress. Congressman Dent was one of 126 Members of Congress to receive a perfect score.

“I am particularly honored by this distinction because I believe supporting American manufacturers is absolutely essential to our economy and our national security,” Congressman Dent said. “These companies provide high-paying, steady jobs and the innovation to compete in the global economy. It is imperative that we provide a business environment that stimulates growth for small- to mid-sized companies.”

Votes that counted toward the score include support for open markets for American goods, limiting frivolous lawsuits, repealing the “death tax” on family businesses, and support for a comprehensive energy plan.

A large number of NAM’s 100 Percent Club, like Congressman Dent, come from manufacturing states in the Middle Atlantic and Midwest regions.

“Their willingness to go to bat for important manufacturing issues is a credit to their understanding of the central role of manufacturing in our

nation's economic vitality," NAM President John Engler said. "Their contributions and votes will help ensure America's manufacturing base will be strong for years to come."

Congressman Dent further noted today's announcement by the Labor Department that more than 2 million new jobs have been created in the United States in the past year, including 92,000 in October, for a total of 6.8 million new jobs since August 2003. Unemployment is down to 4.4 percent and real wages have grown 2.4 percent in the past year. Two years of double-digit growth in tax revenues has helped to shrink the deficit.

"Common-sense policies in taxes, trade and fiscal management help the economy and American workers, and I will always support them," Congressman Dent said.

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